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Foreword

A Menaion is a liturgical book which contains the changeable parts of Byzantine divine services for a given month. The volume in your hands is the sixth of a series of twelve books for use in Byzantine Catholic parishes. Each day is provided with the following material:

1. Synaxarion (brief life of the saints remembered)
2. Troparia and Kontakia
3. Prokeimena and Alleluiaria

On major feasts, the proper antiphons (when there are any) and the Magnification and Irmos (appointed to take the place of It is truly proper) are also included.

Texts which are contained in the Faithful’s Book published by the Byzantine Catholic Church are reproduced with their musical settings from that book. Those texts were translated by the Inter-Eparchial Liturgical Commission, and then set to plainchant by the Inter-Eparchial Music Commission.

Many of the Troparia contained in this volume of the Menaion are, in fact, common texts (i.e., they are used on more than one feast). These texts, too, come from the work of the IELC/IEMC, as are all the Prokeimena and Alleluiaria and Communion Hymns.

The texts of the Troparia and Kontakia that are not from the above-mentioned source are almost always taken from the Order of Matins published by the Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great, and we acknowledge these texts with gratitude.

This volume is intended to be used annually. Because of this, cantors must use the Typikon of the Metropolitan Church to discern how materials from the Menaion are to be combined with the Sunday Ochtoechos. The Typikon will also explain how Prokeimena and Alleluiaria are to be combined.

May this series of volumes be a blessing for all who attend daily celebrations of the Divine Liturgy, as well as for those who, unable to be at church each day, still wish to pray with the Church and honor the Lord and his saints.

August 28, 2005
Our venerable father Moses the Ethiopian and
Our holy father Augustine, bishop of Hippo
The angelic choir of heaven looks earthward, peering down from the heavenly heights to behold the first-born of all creation carried into the Temple as an infant in the arms of his mother who has not known man. Together with us they are overwhelmed with awe and sing a hymn in preparation for the feast.

Your martyr Tryphon, O Lord our God, in his struggle, received an incorruptible crown from you. With your strength, he brought down the tyrants.
and broke the cowardly valor of demons. Through his prayers, O Christ our God, save our souls.

Kontakion of the prefeast - Tone 6:

The invisible Word of the Father has become visible in the flesh.

He was born of the Virgin invisibly and was placed in the arms of the elderly priest. Let us all worship him, our true God.

Kontakion of Tryphon - Tone 8

You are worthy of all praise, O Tryphon, for through the power of the Holy Trinity, you wiped out the might of pagan gods and increased in honor before God. Unconquered, you vanquished your persecutors through the power of Christ the Savior, deserving the crown of martyrdom and the God-giv-en
The grace of healing the sick.

**Prokeimenon - Tone 7** (Psalm 63:11,2)

The just man will rejoice in the Lord, rejoice in the Lord

and will put his trust in him.

**Verse:** Hear my voice, O God, when I pray to you.

**Alleluia - Tone 4** (Psalm 91:13,14):

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Verse:** The just man will flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar of Lebanon.

**Verse:** Planted in the house of the Lord, he will flourish in the courts of our God.

**Communion Hymn** (Psalm 111:6,7):

The just man will be remembered forever; evil news he will not fear, evil news he will not fear. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia!
The Lord has made his salvation known; in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.

Rejoice, Theotokos, Virgin full of grace; for from you has shone forth the Sun of Justice, Christ our God, enlightening those who are in darkness. Rejoice also, you just elder; you received in your arms the liberator of our souls, who grants us resurrection.

Entrance Hymn - Tone 1 Troparion (Psalm 97:2):

Troparion - Tone 1:

Rejoice, Theotokos, Virgin full of grace; for from you has shone forth the Sun of Justice, Christ our God, enlightening those who are in darkness. Rejoice also, you just elder; you received in your arms the liberator of our souls, who grants us resurrection.
Kontakion - Tone 1:

Christ our God, through your birth you sanctified the virgin's womb and blessed the hands of Simeon as was proper. Now you have come and saved us. Give peace to nations at war and strengthen our government.

You, alone, love us all.

Prokeimenon - Tone 3 (Luke 1:46-48):

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Verse: For he has looked with favor on the humility of his servant; from this day forward, all generations will call me blessed.

Alleluia - Tone 8 (Luke 2:29,32):

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Verse: Now you may dismiss your servant, O Lord, in peace according to your word.
Verse: A light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.
Virgin Theotokos, the hope of Christians, protect, watch and save those who have placed their hope in you.

O faithful, let us recognize the figure of Christ foreshadowed in the letter of the Law which says: Every male child who opens the womb is sanctified to God. Therefore, the first-born Word and Son of the Father without beginning, the first-born Son of a mother who had not known man:

him, let us exalt.

Or this melody:

Tone 6 Irmos, simple setting

Irmos

O faithful, let us recognize the figure of Christ foreshadowed in the
letter of the Law which says: Ev’ry male child who
opens the womb is sanctified to God. Therefore,
the first-born Word and Son of the Father without beginning, the first-born Son of a mother who had not known man: him, let us exalt.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 115:4):

I shall take the chalice of salvation and call upon,
and call upon, and call upon the name of the Lord.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
The Synaxis of the holy prophet Simeon and the prophetess Anna, who, the one a righteous and devout old man, and the other a widow and prophetess, were worthy to hail the infant Jesus as the Messiah and Savior, the blessed hope and redemption of Israel, when he had been brought to the temple to be circumcised according to the custom of the law. All we know of them is given in the second chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke.

Postfeste Day of the Meeting

Troparion of the Meeting - Tone 1 (music found on page 6)
Rejoice, Theotokos, Virgin full of grace; for from you has shone forth the Sun of Justice, Christ our God, enlightening those who are in darkness. Rejoice also, you just elder; you received in your arms the liberator of our souls, who grants us resurrection.

Troparion of the Synaxis - Tone 4

Kontakion of the Synaxis - Tone 4
The just man will rejoice in the Lord, rejoice in the Lord and will put his trust in him.

Verse: Hear my voice, O God, when I pray to you.

Alleluia - Tone 4 (Psalm 91:13,14):

The just man will be remembered forever; evil news he will not fear, evil news he will not fear. Alleluia!

Refrain

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

For the Synaxis, the Communion Hymn is (Psalm 111:6,7):

I shall take the chalice of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
4 Our venerable father Isidore of Pelusium, in Egypt, priest, who, notable in his teaching, spurning the world and riches, preferred to imitate the life of John the Baptist in the desert, having taken up the monastic state, founded a monastery at Pelusium, and was held in much esteem as a theologian and a guide of souls. (c. 450)

Postfeste Day of the Meeting

Troparion of the Meeting - Tone 1 (music found on page 6)
Rejoice, Theotokos, Virgin full of grace; for from you has shone forth the Sun of Justice, Christ our God, enlightening those who are in darkness. Rejoice also, you just elder; you received in your arms the liberator of our souls, who grants us resurrection.

Troparion of Isidore - Tone 8

Tontakion of Isidore - Tone 4

O glorious Isidore, the Church has found in you another morning star,
for you enlighten her with the clar- i ty of your teach - ing. And she cries out to you: Re- joice, Isidore most blessed, whose spir- itual knowl-edge is so re-vered.

Kontakion of the Meeting - Tone 1 (music found on page 7)
Christ our God, through your birth you sanctified the virgin’s womb and blessed the hands of Simeon as was proper. Now you have come and saved us. Give peace to nations at war and strengthen our government. You, alone, love us all.

Prokeimenon - Tone 7 (Psalm 115:6,3):
Pre- cious in the eyes, in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faith - ful, is the death of his faith - ful.

Verse: What can I return to the Lord for all he has given me?

Alleluia - Tone 6 (Psalm 111:1,2):
Al- le - lu - ia! Al - - - - le - lu - ia!

Verse: Happy the man who fears the Lord and greatly delights in his commands.
Verse: His posterity will be mighty upon the earth.
5 The holy martyr Agatha, virgin and martyr, who in Catania in Sicily, while still a girl, in a raging persecution, preserved her body unpolluted and her faith intact in martyrdom, offering a witness for Christ the Lord and suffering death during the persecution of Emperor Decius. (250)

Postfesitve Day of the Meeting

Troparion of the Meeting - Tone 1 (music found on page 6)
Rejoice, Theotokos, Virgin full of grace; for from you has shone forth the Sun of Justice, Christ our God, enlightening those who are in darkness. Rejoice also, you just elder; you received in your arms the liberator of our souls, who grants us resurrection.

Troparion of Agatha - Tone 4
Your lamb Agatha, O Jesus, cries out in a loud voice: I love you, my Bridegroom; I seek you with painful longing; I am crucified with you; in your baptism, I am buried with you; I suffer for you that I may
reign with you; and I die for you that I may live with you. Re-ceive me as a spotless sacrifice immo-lat-ed with love for you. By her pray'rs, O mer-ci-ful One, save our souls.

Kontakion of Agatha - Tone 4

May the Church be robed today in a mantle of pre-cious pur-ple made of the blood of the pure mar-tyr Ag-a-tha. Let us all cry out to her: Re-joice, Aga-tha, O pride of Ca-ta-ni-a!

Kontakion of the Meeting - Tone 1 (music found on page 7)

Christ our God, through your birth you sanctified the virgin's womb and blessed the hands of Simeon as was proper. Now you have come and saved us. Give peace to nations at war and strengthen our government. You, alone, love us all.
Prokeimenon - Tone 4 (Psalm 67:36,27):

Verse: In the churches bless God; from Israel’s wellsprings bless the Lord.

Alleluia - Tone 1 (Psalm 39:2,3):

Verse: I have waited, waited for the Lord, and he stooped toward me and heard my cry.
Verse: He drew me out of the pit of destruction, out of the filthy clay.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 32:1):
6 Our venerable Father Bucolus, bishop of Smyrna, lived in Smyrna in the days of Saint John the Theologian, by whom he was appointed bishop before St. Polycarp the martyr. (2nd century)

The holy martyr Silvanus, bishop of Emesa, and his companions. Silvanus of Emesa in Syria, was a bishop, who, when he had led that same Church for forty years, finally, under the emperor Maximinus thrown to the wild beasts. Together with Luca the deacon and Mocius the lector he received the palm of martyrdom. (313)

Postfestival Day of the Meeting

Troparion of the Meeting - Tone 1 (music found on page 6)
Rejoice, Theotokos, Virgin full of grace; for from you has shone forth the Sun of Justice, Christ our God, enlightening those who are in darkness. Rejoice also, you just elder; you received in your arms the liberator of our souls, who grants us resurrection.

Kontakion of Bucolus - Tone 4
Your life has shown you to your flock as a rule of faith, an image of gentleness, and a teacher of moderation. You acquired greatness through humility and wealth through poverty. O father and bishop Bucolus, intercede with Christ our God to save our souls.

Kontakion of Bucolus - Tone 4
Radiant with the light of the priesthood, you illumined the people, O pastor.

You destroyed the darkness of idolatry, and you dispersed the clouds.
of the passions by your cures. You went before the unsetting Light.

Now we ask you to pray for us who honor you, O blessed Bucolus.

**Kontakion of the Meeting - Tone 1 (music found on page 7)**
Christ our God, through your birth you sanctified the virgin's womb and blessed the hands of Simeon as was proper. Now you have come and saved us. Give peace to nations at war and strengthen our government. You, alone, love us all.

**Prokeimenon - Tone 1 (Psalm 48:4,2):**
My lips will speak words of wisdom;
understanding will be the theme of my heart.

**Verse:** Hear this, all you peoples; give heed, all who dwell in the world.

**Alleluia - Tone 2 (Psalm 36:30,31):**
Al-leluia! Al-leluia!

**Verse:** The mouth of the just utters wisdom, and his tongue will pronounce judgment.

**Verse:** The law of his God is in his heart; his steps shall be saved from stumbling.
Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):

The just man will be remembered forever;

evil news he will not fear; evil news he will not fear.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

7  Our venerable father Parthenius, bishop of Lampsacus in Hellespont, bishop, who, in the time of the emperor Constantine, it is said propagated the faith by his preaching and example of life. (318)

Postfestival Day of the Meeting

Troparion of the Meeting - Tone 1 (music found on page 6)
Rejoice, Theotokos, Virgin full of grace; for from you has shone forth the Sun of Justice, Christ our God, enlightening those who are in darkness. Rejoice also, you just elder; you received in your arms the liberator of our souls, who grants us resurrection.

Troparion of Parthenius - Tone 4

God of our fathers, you always deal with us in your kindness. Take not

your mercy away from us; but through their pray'rs guide our life in peace.

Kontakion of Parthenius - Tone 3

O God-wise Parthenius, you have received the grace of miracles.
O God-bearing father, you have dispelled all the passions of the faithful.

and you have cast out the evil spirits. Therefore, we praise you,

the perfect contemplator of divine truths.

Kontakion of the Meeting - Tone 1 (music found on page 7)
Christ our God, through your birth you sanctified the virgin's womb and blessed the hands of Simeon as was proper. Now you have come and saved us. Give peace to nations at war and strengthen our government. You, alone, love us all.

Prokeimenon - Tone 1 (Psalm 48:4,2):
My lips will speak words of wisdom;
understanding will be the theme of my heart.

Verse: Hear this, all you peoples; give heed, all who dwell in the world.

Alleluia - Tone 2 (Psalm 36:30,31):
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Verse: The mouth of the just utters wisdom, and his tongue will pronounce judgment.
Verse: The law of his God is in his heart; his steps shall be saved from stumbling.
The just man will be remembered forever;
evil news he will not fear, evil news he will not fear, he will not fear.
Refrain

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

8 The holy great martyr Theodore was a general in the army of the Emperor Licinius. He suffered death in Heraclea in Thrace. (318)
The holy prophet Zechariah, who prophesied that the Chosen People would return from their exile to the land of promise. He bore the news to them of the king of peace, which Christ the Lord fulfilled marvelously by his triumphant entrance to the holy city Jerusalem.

Transferred from February 9:
The holy martyr Nicephor, a Christian from Syria, took the place of Sapricius, who apostasized before a pagan judge. He was put to death during the reign of Emperor Valerian. (260)

Troparion of the Meeting - Tone 1 (music found on page 6)
Rejoice, Theotokos, Virgin full of grace; for from you has shone forth the Sun of Justice, Christ our God, enlightening those who are in darkness. Rejoice also, you just elder; you received in your arms the liberator of our souls, who grants us resurrection.

Troparion of Theodore - Tone 4

O Theodore the triumphant, you became a brilliant general in the armies of the King of heaven. You fought courageously with the weapons of faith
and put the legions of demons to flight. Therefore, we praise you with fervor at all times.

**Troparion of Zechariah - Tone 2**

As we celebrate the memory of your prophet Zechariah, O Lord,

we implore you to save our souls through his prayers.

**Troparion of Nicephor - Tone 4**

Your martyr Nicephor, O Lord our God, in his struggle, received an incorruptible crown from you. With your strength, he brought down the tyrants and broke the cowardly valor of demons. Through his prayers, O Christ our God, save our souls.
Kontakion of Theodore - Tone 2

O Theodore, the pride of martyrs, you put on the armor of faith and took the Word of God as a spear to vanquish the enemy.

In the company of the martyrs, do not cease to intercede with Christ our God in behalf of all of us.

Kontakion of Zechariah - Tone 2

You saw the chariots being directed by the hand of God, and you looked down upon the servants, O Zechariah.

As you rest among them now as a favored prophet, pray for those who remember you with unwavering faith, that we may walk the road of understanding.
You were wrapped in ties of love, O Nicephor, and you undid the evils of hatred. Your head was severed from your body with a sword, and you became a heavenly martyr for the incarnate Savior.

Pray to him for those who sing of you.

Kontakion of the Meeting - Tone 1 (music found on page 7)
Christ our God, through your birth you sanctified the virgin's womb and blessed the hands of Simeon as was proper. Now you have come and saved us. Give peace to nations at war and strengthen our government. You, alone, love us all.

Prokeimenon for a Martyr - Tone 7 (Psalm 63:11,2)
The just man will rejoice in the Lord, and will put his trust in him.

Verse: Hear my voice, O God, when I pray to you.
You are a priest for ever according to the order of Melchizedek.

Verse: The Lord said to my Lord: Sit at my right hand till I make your enemies your footstool.

Alleluia for a Martyr - Tone 4 (Psalm 91:13,14):

Verse: The just man will flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar of Lebanon.
Verse: Planted in the house of the Lord, he will flourish in the courts of our God.

Alleluia for a Prophet - Tone 5 (Psalm 96:6; 98:11):

Verse: Moses and Aaron were among his priests; Samuel was among those who called upon his name.
Verse: Light dawns for the just, and gladness for the upright of heart.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):

The just man will be remembered forever; evil news he will not fear.

Alleluia!

23
9 Leave-taking of the Meeting
Holy Martyr Nicephor *(Transferred to February 8)*
*All as on February 2, beginning on page 4*

10 The **holy martyr Charalampas**, who endured death for Christ by the sword, in the reign of Emperor Septimus Severus, along with Porphyrius, Dauctus and the three women of Magnesia in the province of Asia. (203)

In Benedictine communities, our venerable mother Scholastica, virgin, who, the sister of St. Benedict, consecrated to God from infancy, had one mind in God with her brother, so that once a year she would spend a whole day at Monte Cassino in Campania with him in the praises of God and holy conversation. (c.547)

**Troparion - Tone 4**

Your martyr Charalampas, O Lord our God, in his struggle, received an incorruptible crown from you. With your strength, he brought down the tyrants and broke the cowardly valor of demons. Through his prayers, O Christ our God, save our souls.

**Kontakion - Tone 8**

You were delighted with the grace of the priesthood, and you decorated the Church with your sufferings. You accepted them with joy for Christ, glorious and
dear Charalampos, and now you enlighten the world as a true victor.

Prokeimenon - Tone 7 (Psalm 63:11,2)

The just man will rejoice in the Lord, rejoice in the Lord

and will put his trust in him.

Verse: Hear my voice, O God, when I pray to you.

Alleluia - Tone 4 (Psalm 91:13,14):

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Verse: The just man will flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar of Lebanon.
Verse: Planted in the house of the Lord, he will flourish in the courts of our God.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):

The just man will be remembered forever;

Refrain
evil news he will not fear, evil news he will not fear. Al-le-lu-ia!

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

25
The holy martyr Blaise, bishop of Sebaste, who suffered martyrdom at Sebaste in the power-struggle between Licinius and the Emperor Constantine. (316)

Troparion - Tone 4

You shared in the apostles’ way of life and succeeded to their throne, di-vine-ly in-spired bishop. You found ac-cess to contemplation in the active life. There-fore, you right-ly taught the word of truth and strug-gled for the faith to the shed-ding of your blood. O priest-mar-tyr Blaise, pray to Christ our God to save our souls.

Kontakion - Tone 2

O God-bear-ing Blaise, you were a ho-ly plant, an un-fad-ing flow-er, and a fer-tile vine in the vine-yard of Christ. Fill with joy the hearts of those who celebrate your mem-o-ry with fer-vor.
and never cease to intercede for all of us.

Prokeimenon - Tone 7 (Psalm 149:5,1):

Verse: Sing to the Lord a new song of praise in the assembly of the faithful.

Alleluia - Tone 2 (Psalm 131:9,13):

Verse: Your priests will be clothed with righteousness and your saints will rejoice.

Verse: The Lord has chosen Zion; he prefers her for his dwelling.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):

Refrain

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
Your life has shown you to your flock as a rule of faith, an image of gentleness, and a teacher of moderation. You acquired greatness through humility and wealth through poverty. O father and arch-bishop Meletius, intercede with Christ our God to save our souls.

The Macedonian apostate feared your spiritual courage and fled.

We your servants gather around you in order to obtain your intercession.

O father Meletius, you are equal to the angels and the fiery sword
of Christ our God. We praise you as a star enlightening all of us.

Prokeimenon - Tone 1 (Psalm 48:4,2):

My lips will speak words of wisdom;
understanding will be the theme of my heart.

Verse: Hear this, all you peoples; give heed, all who dwell in the world.

Alleluia - Tone 2 (Psalm 36:30,31):

Verse: The mouth of the just utters wisdom, and his tongue will pronounce judgment.
Verse: The law of his God is in his heart; his steps shall be saved from stumbling.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):

The just man will be remembered forever; evil news he will not fear, evil news he will not fear. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
13 Our venerable father Martinian of Athens in Greece, who earlier had led an eremetical life near Caesarea in Palestine. (c.398)

Troparion- Tone 8

O blest Martinian, you appeased the flames of passion with streams of tears; you calmed the waves of the sea and stopped the assault of the wild beasts. You cried out: Glorified are you, O almighty God.

You saved me from fire and storm.

Kontakion- Tone 2

Let us praise with hymns the ever-blessed Martinian who trod on the serpent, the pious and experienced ascetic, the earnest defender of truth, and the courageous dweller in the desert.
Precious in the eyes, in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful, is the death of his faithful.

Verse: What can I return to the Lord for all he has given me?

Alleluia - Tone 6 (Psalm 111:1,2):

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia!

Verse: Happy the man who fears the Lord and greatly delights in his commands.
Verse: His posterity will be mighty upon the earth.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):

The just man will be re - mem - bered for - e - ver;

e - vil news he will not fear; e - vil news he will not fear.

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Our venerable father Auxentius on Mount Skopa [modern Siope] in Bithynia, priest and archimandrite, who argued the Chalcedonian faith with a strong voice in a prominent place as if established in a position of authority. (5th century)

The passing of our venerable father Constantine, whose monastic name is Cyril, the Apostle of the Slavs. This man from Thessalonica, along with his brother Methodius, was sent by Photius the bishop of Constantinople to Moravia, where he preached the Christian faith and devised an alphabet that they might translate the sacred books from the Greek to the Slavic language. When they came to Rome, Cyril, who was previously known as Constantine, was afflicted by illness. He was made a monk and the same day slept in the Lord. (869)

The venerable Maron, hermit and wonder-worker, who lived on a mountain near Apamea in Syria, and was very much dedicated to ardent penance and the interior life. At his famous tomb a monastery was built. The Maronite Catholic Church takes its name from this saint. (c. 423)

Troparion - Tone 4

From your child-hood you made wis-dom your sis-ter, and you took her to wife as a ra-diant vir-gin. You a-dorned your mind and soul with it like gold.

You be-came a second great Cyr-il, O voice of God. You be-came a marvel by name and a bless-ed think-er.

Kontakion - Tone 2

En-light-en-ing the world by your divinely in-spired teach-ings,
you have extended your sway like lightning over the world.

You sow the brilliant Word of God everywhere you go;

all the corners of the world shine with your miracles,

the north, south, east and west, O blessed Cyril.

Prokeimenon - Tone 7 (Psalm 115:6,3):

Precious in the eyes, in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful, is the death of his faithful.

Verse: What can I return to the Lord for all he has given me?

Alleluia - Tone 6 (Psalm 111:1,2):

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse: Happy the man who fears the Lord and greatly delights in his commands.
Verse: His posterity will be mighty upon the earth.
The just man will be re - mem - bered for - e - ver;

a - vil news he will not fear; a - vil news he will not fear.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The holy apostle Onesimus, a fugitive slave whom St. Paul the apostle caught and gave birth to in Christ, a son in the faith, as Paul himself wrote to his master Philemon.

O ho - ly A - pos - tle O - ne - si - mus, in - ter - cede with the mer - ci - ful God

that he may grant our souls for - give - ness of sins.

You came upon the world like a ra - diant glow, and you shine with the rays

of the sun, O bless - ed saint. You fol - low the illumined world of bless - ed Paul, and for this we hon - or you, glo - rious O - ne - si - mus.
Prokeimenon - Tone 8 (Psalm 18:5,2):

Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Alleluia - Tone 1 (Psalm 88:6,8):

Verse: The heavens declare your wonders, O Lord, and your truth in the assembly of the holy.
Verse: God is glorified in the council of the holy, great and awesome above all who surround him.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 18:5):
16 The holy martyrs: the presbyter Pamphilus, Porphyry and their companions, who received the crown of martyrdom: Pamphilus the priest; Valens, a deacon of Jerusalem; and Paul, born in the city of Jamnia, who had passed two years in prison; and also Porphyry, a servant of Pamphilus; Seleucus the Cappadocian, who was of high rank in the military; Theodulus, an old man from the family of the governor Firmilian; and finally Julian the Cappadocian, who, coming from abroad that very same hour, when he kissed the bodies of the martyrs, was accused as a Christian and ordered by the governor to be burned over a slow fire. (309)

Troparion - Tone 4

Your holy martyrs, O Lord our God, in their struggles, received incorruptible crowns from you. With your strength, they brought down the tyrants and broke the cowardly valor of demons. Through their prayers, O Christ our God, save our souls.

Kontakion - Tone 8

The courageous martyrs of Christ went with joy and unbending determination to the frightful tortures prepared for them from which they obtained eternal glory. They are constantly interceding for us.
who praise their struggle.

Prokeimenon - Tone 4 (Psalm 15:3,8):

To all the saints in his land, the Lord has shown all the wonders of his will.

Verse: I set the Lord ever before me; with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

Alleluia - Tone 4 (Psalm 33:18,20):

Verse: The just cried out and the Lord heard them, and rescued them from all their distress.
Verse: Many are the trials of the just, but from them all the Lord will rescue them.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 32:1):
The holy great martyr Theodore the Recruit (Tyro) of Amasea in Hellespont, who, in the time of the emperor Maximianus, for his confession of the Christian faith was forcefully beaten and cast into prison, then handed over to be consumed by fire. St. Gregory of Nyssa celebrated his praises in a famous eulogy. (306)

**Troparion - Tone 2**

What marvels of faith! The holy martyr Theodore rejoiced amid the licking flames, just as if he were splashing in cool water.

Made a holocaust in the fire, he was offered like sweet-breads to the Trinity. Save our souls through his pray'rs, O Christ our God.

**Kontakion - Tone 8**

Believing in Christ with all your might, you struck a mighty blow to the enemy.

You received an eternal crown of glory, O long-suffering and victorious Theodore.
Prokeimenon - Tone 7 (Psalm 63:11,2)

Verse: Hear my voice, O God, when I pray to you.

Alleluia - Tone 4 (Psalm 91:13,14):

Verse: The just man will flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar of Lebanon.
Verse: Planted in the house of the Lord, he will flourish in the courts of our God.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):

18 Our holy father Leo, Pope of Rome who, born in Etruria [i.e., Tuscany], first stood out as a diligent deacon of Rome. He was then elevated to the chair of Peter, where rightly and by his merit he deserved to be called "the Great." He nourished his flock by his excellent and prudent discourse. Because of his orthodox teaching on the incarnation of God, the true faith was vigorously affirmed through his delegates to the Ecumenical Council of Chalcedon. He rested in the Lord at Rome, where he was buried on this day. (461)
Troparion - Tone 8

Guide to Orthodoxy, teacher of piety and holiness,

luminar y for the world, inspired

a dornment of pontiffs, O wise Leo, harp of the

Spirit, you enlightened all by your teachings;

intercede with Christ our God to save our souls.

Kontakion - Tone 3

O glorious Leo, when you rose to the episcopal see, you stopped

the mouths of lions by exposing the true doctrine of the Holy Trinity.

You enlightened your flock with the knowledge of God. Therefore, you were

glorified, O contemplator of things divine.
Prokeimenon - Tone 1 (Psalm 48:4,2):

My lips will speak words of wisdom;

understanding will be the theme of my heart.

Verse: Hear this, all you peoples; give heed, all who dwell in the world.

Alleluia - Tone 2 (Psalm 36:30,31):

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia!

Verse: The mouth of the just utters wisdom, and his tongue will pronounce judgment.
Verse: The law of his God is in his heart; his steps shall be saved from stumbling.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):

The just man will be remembered, be remembered for ever

Refrain

evil news he will not fear, evil news he will not fear. Alleluia!

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
The holy apostle Archippus, fellow-soldier of blessed Paul the Apostle, whom Paul remembers in the epistles to Philemon and to the Colossians. Tradition says that he was stoned to death during the reign of emperor Nero.

Troparion - Tone 3

O holy Apostle Archippus, intercede with the merciful God that he may grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

Kontakion - Tone 4

O Apostle Archippus, the Church has gained you for all time as a brilliant star, enlightening it with the multitude of your miracles. Therefore, we cry out to Christ: O most merciful Lord, save those who in faith honor the memory of your apostle.
Prokeimenon - Tone 8 (Psalm 18:5,2):

Through all the earth their voice resounds; their message reaches to the ends of the world.

Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Alleluia - Tone 1 (Psalm 88:6,8):

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Al-le-lu-ia!

Verse: The heavens declare your wonders, O Lord, and your truth in the assembly of the holy.
Verse: God is glorified in the council of the holy, great and awesome above all who surround him.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 18:5):

Through all the earth their voice resounds; their message reaches to the ends of the world. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
20 Our venerable father Leo, bishop of Catania in Sicily, who diligently cared for the poor. (c.787)
Our holy father Agathon, Pope of Rome, who kept the faith blameless against the errors of the Monothelites and, at synods, promoted the unity of the Church. (681)

Troparion - Tone 4

Your life has shown you to your flock as a rule of faith, an image of gentleness, and a teacher of moderation. You acquired greatness through humility and wealth through poverty. O father and bishop Leo, intercede with Christ our God to save our souls.

Kontakion - Tone 8

The Church sees you as a brilliant light in the heavens, shining more radiantly than the sun. Preserve her unconquered and indestructible from heresy, and keep her ever spotless, O blessed saint, for we honor your memory at all times.
My lips will speak words of wisdom;
understanding will be the theme of my heart.

Verse:  Hear this, all you peoples; give heed, all who dwell in the world.

Alleluia - Tone 2 (Psalm 36:30,31):

Verse: The mouth of the just utters wisdom, and his tongue will pronounce judgment.
Verse: The law of his God is in his heart; his steps shall be saved from stumbling.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):

The just man will be remembered forever;
evil news he will not fear; evil news he will not fear.

Refrain
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
21 Our venerable father Timothy of Symbola, hermit. His earthly life was spent in fasting, prayer and vigils. He remained pure and chaste throughout his life. (795)

Our holy father Eustathius, Archbishop of Great Antioch, who was notable for his teaching. Under the Arian emperor Constantius, he was driven into exile to Trajanopolis in Thrace for his defense of the Catholic faith, and rested in the Lord there. (c.338)

Troparion - Tone 4

God of our fathers, you always deal with us in your kindness. Take not your mercy away from us; but through their prayer's guide our life in peace.

Kontakion of Timothy - Tone 4

Rising in the east like a radiant star, you illumine the hearts of the faithful by your miracles. O vessel of miracles, O most blessed Timothy.

Kontakion of Eustathius - Tone 3

You preached that the Word has one nature with the Father and the Spirit, O pastor Eustathius. You defeated Ar ius with the cords of your dogma. You were a heavenly light to the fathers of the Council
and have become a champion of the Trinity. As you stand before them, pray for the salvation of our souls.

Prokeimenon for a Venerable - Tone 7 (Psalm 115:6,3):

Precious in the eyes, in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful, is the death of his faithful.

Verse: What can I return to the Lord for all he has given me?

Prokeimenon for a Hierarch - Tone 1 (Psalm 48:4,2):

My lips will speak words of wisdom;

Verse: Hear this, all you peoples; give heed, all who dwell in the world.
Alleluia for a Venerable - Tone 6 (Psalm 111:1,2):

Verse: Happy the man who fears the Lord and greatly delights in his commands.
Verse: His posterity will be mighty upon the earth.

Alleluia for a Hierarch - Tone 2 (Psalm 36:30,31):

Verse: The mouth of the just utters wisdom, and his tongue will pronounce judgment.
Verse: The law of his God is in his heart; his steps shall be saved from stumbling.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):
22 The Finding of the venerable relics of the Martyrs at Eugenia near Constantinople.
During the reign of the emperor Arcadius, a divine revelation showed the burial place of these martyrs of whom it was said, “God alone knows their names, and he has written them in the Book of Life in heaven.”

Troparion - Tone 4

Your holy martyrs, O Lord our God, in their struggles, received incorruptible crowns from you. With your strength, they brought down the tyrants and broke the cowardly valor of demons. Through their prayers, O Christ our God, save our souls.

Kontakion - Tone 8

O mighty pillars of faith and martyrs fighting for truth, you endured a host of pain for the sake of Christ, and you lay hidden for so long. Now you have been uncovered like a hidden treasure, and are carried into the church by the bishop. You are generous with those who honor you.
Therefore, pray for the salvation of our souls.

Prokeimenon - Tone 4 (Psalm 15:3,8):

To all the saints in his land, the Lord has shown all the wonders of his will.

Verse: I set the Lord ever before me; with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

Alleluia - Tone 4 (Psalm 33:18,20):

Verse: The just cried out and the Lord heard them, and rescued them from all their distress.
Verse: Many are the trials of the just, but from them all the Lord will rescue them.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 32:1):
23 The holy martyr Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna who is honored as a disciple of blessed John and the final witness of the apostolic age. Under the emperors Marcus Antoninus and Lucius Aurelius Commodus, about the age of 90, he was given over to the flames in the amphitheater at Smyrna in Asia. Before the proconsul and the whole people, he gave thanks to God the Father because he had been deemed worthy to be numbered among the martyrs and to receive a portion from the cup of Christ. (c.155)

Troparion - Tone 4

You shared in the apostles’ way of life and succeeded to their throne, di-venty inspired bishop. You found access to contemplation in the active life. Therefore, you rightly taught the word of truth and struggled for the faith to the shedding of your blood. O priest-martyr Polycarp pray to Christ our God to save our souls.

Kontakion - Tone 1

O wise priest-martyr Polycarp, you offered spiritual fruits to God and became worthy of him because of your virtues.
Therefore, we who have been enlightened by your teachings, honor your memory and glorify the Lord.

Prokeimenon - Tone 7 (Psalm 149:5,1):

Let the faithful rejoice in glory, rejoice in glory, shout for joy, and take their rest.

Verse: Sing to the Lord a new song of praise in the assembly of the faithful.

Alleluia - Tone 2 (Psalm 131:9,13):

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Verse: Your priests will be clothed with righteousness and your saints will rejoice.
Verse: The Lord has chosen Zion; he prefers her for his dwelling.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):

The just man will be remembered for ever;
The first and second findings of the head of the Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John. Tradition tells us that the first finding was by two monks, in the palace of Herod the King. They brought the relic to the city of Emmesia. The second finding was much later, during the reign of the emperor Marcianus.

Our venerable father Erasmus of the Kiev Caves. He inherited great wealth from his parents, and spent it all on the beautification of churches. When he had nothing left and was despised by all, including his brothers, he entered into a time of despair, from which he was saved by the intercession of Ss. Anthony and Theodosius and the Theotokos. (1160)

Troparion - Tone 4

The head of the Fore-runner arose from the earth like a star, sending out rays of healing and immortality. In heaven, it gathers together the choirs of angels, while on earth, it assembles the human race in a single voice to sing the glory of Christ our God.
O prophet of God and forerunner of grace, within the earth we have discovered your head, a rose of great holiness from which healing always comes to us. As you did of old, now also preach repentance to the world.

The just man will rejoice in the Lord, and will put his trust in him.

Verse: Hear my voice, O God, when I pray to you.

Verse: The just man will flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar of Lebanon.

Verse: Planted in the house of the Lord, he will flourish in the courts of our God.

Alleluia!
Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):

The just man will be remembered, be remembered for ever.

Refrain

Evil news he will not fear, evil news he will not fear. Alleluia!

Refrain

Alleluia! Alleluia!

25 Our holy father Tarasius, Archbishop of Constantinople, notable for learning and piety. He opened the Second Nicene Council, in which the Fathers vindicated the cult of holy Images. He was called the “father of the poor.” (806)

Troparion - Tone 4

Your life has shown you to your flock as a rule of faith, an image of gentleness, and a teacher of moderation. You acquired great-ness

through humility and wealth through poverty. O father

and bishop Tarasius, intercede with Christ our God to save our souls.

55
O bless-ed Ta-ra-si-us, you filled the Church with joy by preach-ing holy doc-trine. You taught us all to bow before the venerable Icon of Christ and to hon-or it. You van-quished the Icon-oc-la-tic her-e-sy. Therefore, we cry out: Re-joice, Tarasi-us, our wise fa-ther.

My lips will speak words of wis-dom; un-der-stand-ing will be the theme of my heart.

Hear this, all you peoples; give heed, all who dwell in the world.

The mouth of the just utters wisdom, and his tongue will pronounce judgment.

The law of his God is in his heart; his steps shall be saved from stumbling.
The just man will be remembered forever; evil news he will not fear, evil news he will not fear. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Who can recount all your works and sufferings of piety? You never stopped working day or night until you washed Gaza clean of impurity and replaced its evil ways with sound holiness. You are a constant guardian over your flock. Now beg Christ our God to save our souls, O

26 Our holy father Porphyry, bishop of Gaza in Palestine. Born in Thessalonica, he spent five years as a hermit in Skete and as many across the Jordan, where he was notable for his kindness toward the poor. Afterwards ordained a bishop, he overturned many temples of idols and was afflicted with troubles by their attendants for a long time, until, worthy of respect, he rested in peace with the saints. (421)

The holy great martyr, Photina the Samaritan. Tradition identifies her with the woman with whom Jesus spoke at the well (cf. John 4).
Porphyry.

**Troparion of Photina - Tone 3**

You were illuminated by the Holy Spirit and refreshed by the streams of Christ the Savior. Having drunk the Water of Salvation, you gave generously to the thirsty. O holy Great Martyr Photina, equal to the Apostles, entreat Christ our God that our souls may be saved.

**Kontakion of Porphyry - Tone 2**

You were splendid in the robes of the priesthood, adorned with your priestly virtue, O blessed saint. You dispense treasures of cures, O wise-in-God, praying unceasingly on our behalf, O Porphyry.
Kontakion of Photina - Tone 3

Today Photina who is the summit and glory of martyrs is ascending into heaven. She invites all who partake of her graces to glorify God. Therefore let us all praise her with the fitting honors of faith.

Prokeimenon for a Hierarch - Tone 1 (Psalm 48:4,2):

My lips will speak words of wisdom; understanding will be the theme of my heart.

Verse: Hear this, all you peoples; give heed, all who dwell in the world.

Prokeimenon for a Woman-Martyr - Tone 4 (Psalm 67:36,27):

God is wondrous in his saints, the God of Israel, the God of Israel.

Verse: In the churches bless God; from Israel’s wellsprings bless the Lord.
Alleluia for a Hierarch - Tone 2 (Psalm 36:30,31):

Verse: The mouth of the just utters wisdom, and his tongue will pronounce judgment.
Verse: The law of his God is in his heart; his steps shall be saved from stumbling.

Alleluia for a Woman-Martyr - Tone 1 (Psalm 39:2,3):

Verse: I have waited, waited for the Lord, and he stooped toward me and heard my cry.
Verse: He drew me out of the pit of destruction, out of the filthy clay.

Communion Hymn for a Hierarch (Psalm 111:6,7):

The just man will be remembered forever;
Evil news he will not fear; evil news he will not fear.

Refrain

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous ones; praise from the upright, the upright is fitting. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

27 Our venerable father and confessor Procopius the Decapolite, who, at the time of emperor Leo III Isaurus [c.680-740] vigorously contended for the cult of holy Images. (741)

Troparion - Tone 8

Your abundant tears made the wilderness bloom, and your sufferings made your labors fruitful a hundredfold; you became a shining torch over the world. O venerable father Procopius, pray to Christ our God that he may save our souls.
Kontakion - Tone 4

Today the Church acknowledges you as a star before dawn, dispelling the darkness of error. Therefore, she hon-ors you, O glorious Pro-co-pi-us, as one who con-temp-lates heav-en.

Prokeimenon - Tone 7 (Psalm 115:6,3):

Precious in the eyes, in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faith-ful, is the death of his faith-ful.

Verse: What can I return to the Lord for all he has given me?

Alleluia - Tone 6 (Psalm 111:1,2):

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Verse: Happy the man who fears the Lord and greatly delights in his commands.
Verse: His posterity will be mighty upon the earth.
The just man will be remembered forever;

evil news he will not fear, evil news he will not fear, he will not fear.

Refrain

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

28 Our venerable father and confessor Basil, fellow ascetic of Procopius, who, at the time of emperor Leo III Isaurus [c.680-740] vigorously contended for the cult of holy Images. (741)

Troparion - Tone 1

You made the wilderness your dwelling, O father Basil, the bearer of God.

You became an angel in the flesh and a wonder-worker.

Through fasts, vigils and pray'rs, you obtained from God special graces to heal the sick

and to sanctify the souls of those who come to you with trust.

Glory to the One who gave you strength! Glory to the one who crowned you!
Kontakion - Tone 2

Holy and wise father, when you received your calling from God, you left the troubles of this world and embraced the ascetic life. Most holy Basil, you received the graces of miracles and of healing diseases.

Prokeimenon - Tone 7 (Psalm 115:6,3):

Precious in the eyes, in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful, is the death of his faithful. Verse: What can I return to the Lord for all he has given me?

Alleluia - Tone 6 (Psalm 111:1,2):

Alleluia! Alleluia! Verse: Happy the man who fears the Lord and greatly delights in his commands. Verse: His posterity will be mighty upon the earth.

Verse: What can I return to the Lord for all he has given me?
29 Our venerable father Cassian, at Massilia in the province of Gaul, priest. He founded two monastery, one for men and one for women. Long an expert in monastic customs, he wrote “on the Cenobitic Institutions” and the “Conferences of the Fathers” for the edification of monks. (c.453)

Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):

In you, O father, the divine image was strictly preserved;

Taking up your cross, you followed Christ. You taught us by example how to spurn the flesh, for it passes away, and how to care for the soul, which is immortal. Therefore, Our venerable Cas-sian, your soul rejoices with the angels.
Kontakion - Tone 4

Being a pious man, you relied on God. Illumined with good teachings,
you let us share the light. We venerate you and ask you
to implore Christ for all of us.

Prokeimenon - Tone 7 (Psalm 115:6,3):

Precious in the eyes, in the eyes of the Lord is the death
of his faithful, is the death of his faithful.

Verse: What can I return to the Lord for all he has given me?

Alleluia - Tone 6 (Psalm 111:1,2):

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse: Happy the man who fears the Lord and greatly delights in his commands.
Verse: His posterity will be mighty upon the earth.
Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):

The just man will be remembered forever;

Refrain

evil news he will not fear, evil news he will not fear. Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!